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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: David D. Knepper  
Masayuki YAMADA )  
: Group Art Unit: 2654  
Application No.: 09/263,262 )  
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Filed: March 5, 1999 )  
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For: SPEECH SYNTHESIS APPARATUS, ) March 15, 2004  
: CONTROL METHOD THEREFOR,  
: AND COMPUTER-READABLE  
: MEMORY )

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Petition for Extension of Time

Applicant petitions to extend the time for response to the final Office Action dated April 15, 2003. A Notice of Appeal and a three-month Petition for Extension of Time having been timely filed on October 15, 2003, Applicant petitions to further extend the time for response for an additional three (3) months, from December 15, 2003, to March 15, 2004. A check in the amount of \$950.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

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Preliminary Amendment

Preliminary to further examination on the merits, please enter the following amendments and remarks.